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Preliminary Amendment

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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film (15, 2, 3, 5) for the construction of skis (1), in particular for application to a ski base body (14) of an alpine ski, water ski, wakeboard, kiteboard, surfboard or snowboard, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the multilayer film (15, 2, 3, 5) ~~has comprises:~~

a multilayer transfer or laminating film (23, 32, 4, 56) of a thickness of less than 125 µm and comprising two or more thin layers, ~~that~~

a mechanically load-bearing layer (24, 31, 57) with preferably a high modulus of elasticity is arranged on a surface of the multilayer transfer or laminating film, and ~~that~~

a cover layer (22, 33, 51) is arranged on another surface of the multilayer transfer or laminating film.

2. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film (15, 2, 3, 5) as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the transfer or laminating film (23, 32, 4, 56) has an adhesive layer (47, 55), a functional layer (43 through 46; 53 and 54) and a release layer (42, 52).

3. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film (15, 23, 32, 5) as set forth in claim 2, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the release layer (42, 52) is a clear lacquer layer which acts as a bonding layer in relation to the cover layer (22, 33, 51).

4. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film (15, 2, 3, 5) as set forth in claim 2, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the functional layer has a metal layer (46, 55).

5. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film (15, 2, 3, 5) as set forth in claim 2, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the functional layer has a thin film layer succession (44, 45) which produces color shifts by means of interference.

6. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film (15, 2, 3, 5) as set forth in claim 2, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the functional layer has a replication layer (43) into which a diffractive structure or a macrostructure is embossed.

7. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film as set forth in claim 2, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the functional layer has an HRI layer.

8. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film (15, 2, 3, 5) as set forth in claim 2, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the functional layer has a colored lacquer layer (53).

9. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film (~~15, 2, 3, 5~~) as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the transfer or laminating film (~~23, 32, 4, 56~~) is deep-drawable.

10. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film (~~15, 2, 3, 5~~) as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the cover layer (~~22, 33, 51~~) and the mechanically load-bearing layer (~~24, 31, 57~~) are each respectively thicker than the transfer or laminating film (~~23, 32, 4, 56~~), wherein the cover layer (~~22, 33, 51~~) is in particular of a thickness of between 50 and 125 μm and the mechanically load-bearing layer (~~24, 31, 57~~) is in particular of a thickness of between 100 μm and 2 mm.

11. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the mechanically load-bearing structure is embossed or structured.

12. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film (~~31~~) as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the mechanically load-bearing layer (~~31~~) is transparent.

13. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film (~~15, 2, 5~~) as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the cover layer (~~22, 51~~) is transparent.

14. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the cover layer comprises a thermoplastic material.

15. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film (15, 2, 3, 5) as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the cover layer (22, 33, 51) comprises a printing ink or a lacquer, in particular a casting lacquer, a dip lacquer or a spray lacquer.

16. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the cover layer is structured.

17. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ additional decoration is printed on to the multilayer transfer or laminating film.

18. (Currently Amended) A ski (1), in particular an alpine ski, water ski, wakeboard, kiteboard, surfboard or snowboard, having a ski base body (14) comprising one or more layers, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a multilayer film (15) as set forth in ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1 is applied to the ski base body (14) on the side of the ski (1) in opposite relationship to the sole running surface (11).

19. (Currently Amended) A ski as set forth in claim 18, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the mechanically load-bearing layer (24, 57) is joined to the ski base body (14).

20. (Currently Amended) A ski as set forth in claim 18, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the cover layer (32) is joined to the ski base body (14).

21. (Currently Amended) A process for the production of a multilayer film (15, 2, 3, 5) for the construction of skis (1), in particular for the production of a multilayer film for application to a ski base body of an alpine ski, water ski, wakeboard, kiteboard, surfboard or snowboard, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein

a multilayer transfer or laminating film (23, 32, 4, 56) of a thickness of less than 125 µm and comprising two or more thin layers is applied to a surface of a mechanically load-bearing layer (24, 31, 57) with a preferably high modulus of elasticity and

a cover layer (22, 33, 51) is applied to a surface of the multilayer transfer or laminating film (23, 32, 4, 56), which is in opposite relationship to the mechanically load-bearing layer (24, 31, 57).

22. (Currently Amended) A process for the production of a ski (1), in particular an alpine ski, water ski, wakeboard, kiteboard, surfboard or snowboard,

~~characterised in that~~ wherein a multilayer film (15, 2, 3, 5) as set forth in ~~one of claims 1 through 17~~ claim 1 is applied to the ski base body (14) on the side of the ski (1), which is in opposite relationship to the sole running surface (11).